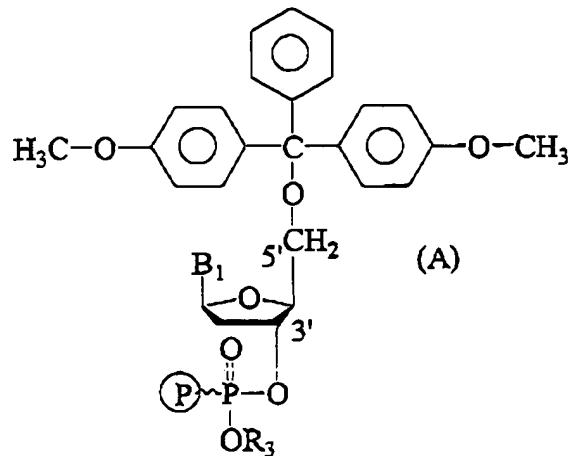


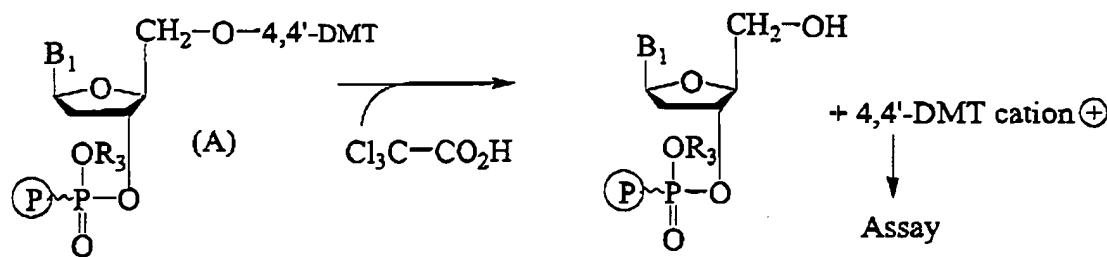
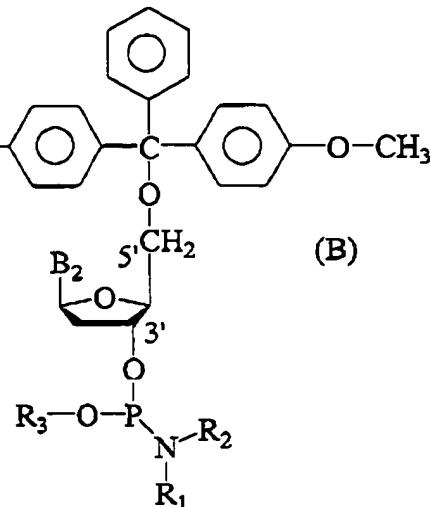
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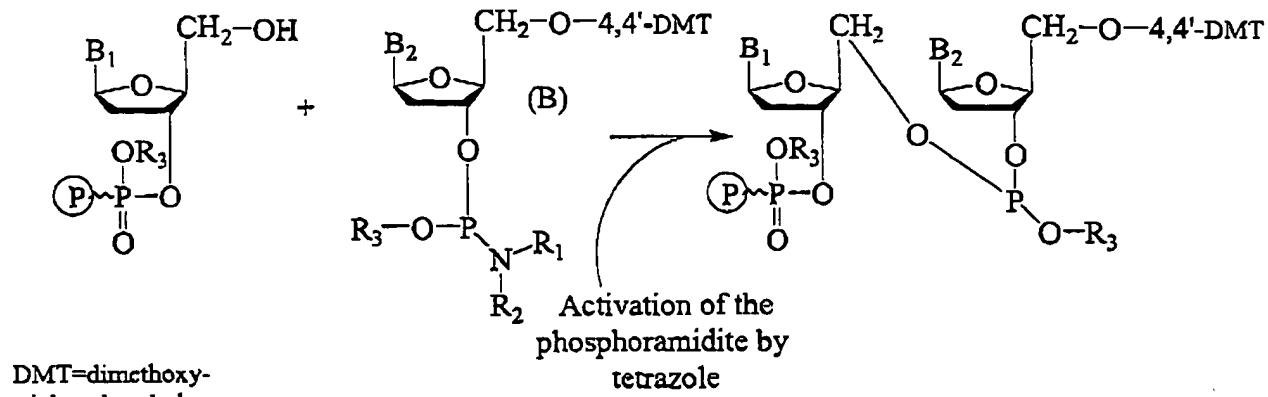
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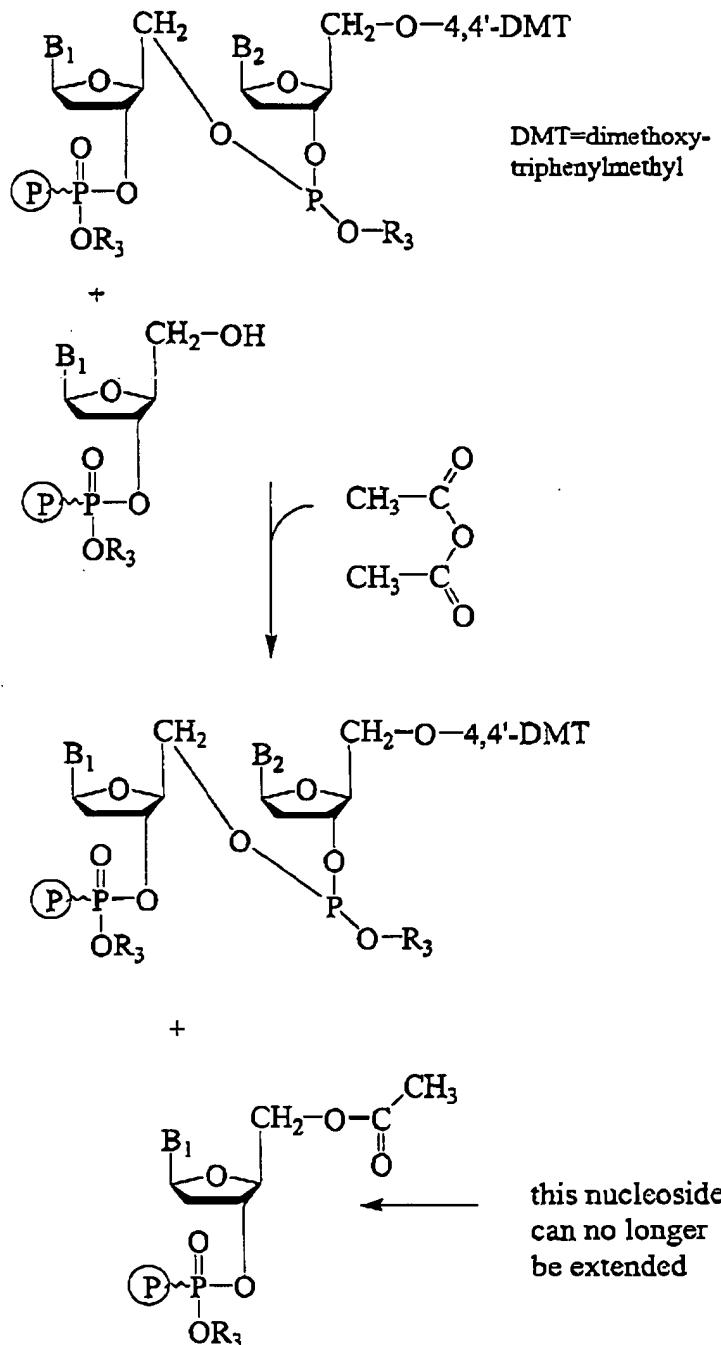
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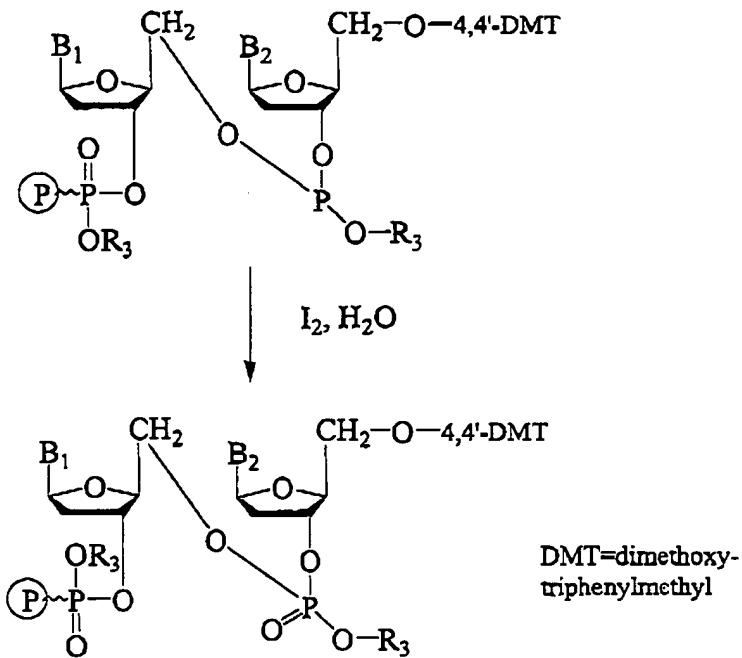


Scheme 2

2) Capping:

Scheme 3

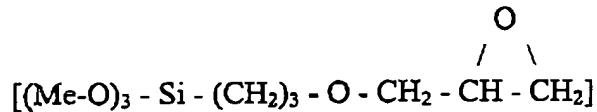
## 3) Oxidation:



Scheme 4

EXAMPLE 1

1 g of porous glass powder (CPG 00350C<sup>®</sup>; f; CPG Inc. USA) in 5 ml of a 10% solution of 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane



in acetonitrile, the mixture is left standing for 30 minutes at a temperature of 50°C and the support is then separated out by filtration, washed with acetonitrile (3X5 ml) and dried under vacuum.

The number of oxy groups is determined, after opening of the epoxide ring, by means of the reaction of dimethoxytrityl chloride in pyridine followed by absorption spectrophotometric measurement of the trityl cation in a mixture of perchloric acid and ethanol at 495 nm. A capacity of 50-100 micromol per 1 g of support is obtained.